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SUBJECT: EXCERPTS FROM EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

1. THE DEATH OF CHU TE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

CHU TE, CHAIRMAN OF THE NPC STANDING COMMITTEE, MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO STANDING COMMITTEE, AND VETERAN MILITARY FIGURE, DIED ON JULY 6 AT THE AGE OF 90. THE PRC ANNOUNCEMENT SPECIFIED A NATIONAL MOURNING PERIOD FROM JULY 6-11 AND STATED THAT "IN KEEPING WITH CHINESE CUSTOM AND REVISED PROTOCOL" NO FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WOULD BE INVITED TO PAY LAST RESPECTS.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY SENT CONDOLENCE MESSAGES TO PREMIER HUA KUO-FENG AND TO FOREIGN MINISTER CH'IAO RESPECTIVELY. USLO WILL ALSO ATTEND A MEMORIAL SERVICE ON JULY 9. PRCLO HAS INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL NOT OPEN A
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CONDOLENCE BOOK FOR CHU.

CHU WAS THE FOURTH MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO STANDING COMMITTEE TO DIE IN A LITTLE OVER A YEAR, WHICH TOGETHER WITH THE PURGE OF TENG HSIAO-PING IN APRIL LEAVES ONLY FOUR OF THE NINE MEMBERS ON THIS BODY AS OF JANUARY 1975.

IN VIEW OF THE ADVANCED AGE OF THE TWO NEXT-RANKING VICE CHAIRMEN OF THE NPC STANDING COMMITTEE (SUNG CHING-LING AND LIU PO-CHENG), PEKING MAYOR WU TE, THE THIRD RANKING VICE CHAIRMAN, IS LIKELY TO ASSUME CHU TE'S PROTOCOL FUNCTIONS.

4. TEXTILES REARS ITS UGLY HEAD (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

A REPORT IN TODAY'S DAILY NEWS RECORD (THE TEXTILE TRADE DAILY) QUOTES COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARD DARMAN TO THE EFFECT THAT SECRETARY RICHARDSON PLANS TO SEE PRESIDENT FORD "THIS WEEK" TO REVIEW THE ISSUE OF TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM THE PRC. WE ARE CHECKING WITH THE NSC ON THIS.

5. CDC COMPUTER CASE (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

AFTER A RATHER PROTRACTED CLEARANCE PROCESS INVOLVING FIVE BUREAUS, WE FINALLY MANAGED TO GET A MEMO UP TO THE SEVENTH FLOOR ON THE CDC COMPUTER CASE. THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WILL REPRESENT STATE AT THE JULY 9 MEETING OF THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION REVIEW BOARD (EARB) WHICH WILL MAKE THE FINAL RULING ON THIS CASE.

8. US JOURNALIST TO VISIT PRC (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

WILLIAM SAFIRE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES HAS RECEIVED A PRC VISA FOR A TWO-WEEK "WORKING VISIT" AND WILL APPARENTLY BE ALLOWED TO FILE FROM CHINA. SAFIRE'S ASSISTANT TOLD US THAT SAFIRE GOT HIS VISA FROM PRCLO THROUGH THE "GOOD OFFICES" OF FORMER COLLEAGUES IN THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION. SAFIRE WILL BE ARRIVING IN PEKING JULY 29 WITH AN AS YET UNDETERMINED ITINERARY. WE HAVE GIVEN HIM NAMES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS AT USLO.

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10. MORE CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL? (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN ANDERSON (WHO LED THE LAST OFFICIAL CODEL TO THE PRC IN AUGUST 1975) HAS ASKED PRCLO FOR A VISA FOR A PRIVATE TRIP TO THE PRC IN LATE JULY FOLLOWING A BRIEF VISIT TO TAIWAN. ANDERSON'S SON, WHO IS ALSO GOING TO TAIWAN, HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A VISA FOR A JULY

20-26 TRIP TO THE PRC, AND HIS FATHER NOW WISHES TO ACCOMPANY HIM. TIMING IS TIGHT-- THE FORMAL REQUEST FOR A VISA WAS MADE ON JULY 7, AND ANDERSON IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR TAIWAN ON JULY 12. PRCLO TOLD A STAFF ASSISTANT TO THE CONGRESSMAN THAT IT "WAS DIFFICULT" BUT THAT PRCLO WOULD SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE.

OTHER ITEMS:

2. USLO'S BICENTENNIAL
3. MARKING TIME IN FOREIGN TRADE
6. INDIAN AMBASSADOR ARRIVES IN PEKING
7. FORMER UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA PROFESSOR APPLIES FOR NIV AT USLO
9. CSC RESPONDS TO PRCLO COMPLAINT

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